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Remarks

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006. Claims 3-6 have been cancelled; claims 1 and 9 are allowed; amended claims 2, 5, 7, 8 10 and 11 are presented for consideration.

Claims 5, 7 and 8 are rejected as indefinite since they depend from claim 3. Claim 5 has been placed in independent form with claims 7 and 8 depending therefrom. Claim 11 is rejected as indefinite; it has been amended to remove the word "directly" so as to avoid confusion. Therefore, reexamination and allowance of amended claims 5, 7, 8 and 11 over the -112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 10 and 11 are rejected as anticipated by Breault. The rejection is deemed to have been proper due to the alternative language in these claims. Claim 2 has been amended to require recycle fuel provided to both the Mth and the (M-1th) fuel flow field inlets. Claim 10 has been amended by removing alternative language in the last clause and completing the statement of the ejector by having the primary input connected to the M-1th flow field. This renders claims 10 patentable since all other ejectors have fresh fuel from the source fed to the primary input.

Claim 12 has been added to depend from claim 2 to assure, by claim differentiation, that there be no implication of the nature of impeller in claim 2. Claim 11 was previously amended to avoid alternative language, so that the requirement for a fuel storage device is no longer an alternative.

For the foregoing reasons, reexamination and allowance of amended claims 2, 10 and 11 over Breault is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 is rejected as anticipated by Yang et al. Claim 11 was previously amended to remove the alternative language, and therefore reconsideration and allowance of claim 11 over Yang et al is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 is rejected as anticipated by either Aoki or Ide. Since claim 11 was previously amended to remove the alternative language, reconsideration and allowance over Aoki and Ide is respectfully requested.


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The allowance of claims 1 and 9 is noted with gratitude.

The fuel turn manifold 94a is described in lines 27 and 28 on page 10. Page 2 has been amended to identify the patent which resulted from the cited application. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure is respectfully requested.

To save the Examiner considerable time when this case is taken up, a short phone call is recommended should any issue herein still be unresolved. A few minutes on the phone could clarify a point, or result in a supplemental response which would further limit or dispose of issues. A five minute phone call can save the Examiner a lot of work. Such a phone call would be deeply appreciated.

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